

"The wages of sin is death." And sooner or later every man collects his pay.

Chefs does not guarantee the quality of its war news, but it makes good on quantity.

A Pennsylvania woman has been killed by a henpeck, which looks like a turning of the table.

Dancing masters have decided that the two-step must go. The side-step will continue to be popular.

Commander Peary feels that he has a few more toes to sacrifice in the great cause of arctic exploration.

Game is reported plenty in the woods. A pinch of salt sprinkled on the bird's tail adds to its edible quality.

Editor Bok says every woman should wear a beauty spot. The women, no doubt, will accept the advice on the spot.

How queer it must look to a Spaniard to read in the American newspapers about a flood on "the Rio Grande river!"

The Guatemalan ants have not done much so far beyond providing the detectives with another mysterious disappearance case.

The Vancouver Indian who bought a coffin and a keg of gunpowder subsequently discovered that he really didn't need the coffin.

Dr. Wiley says that Scotch whisky is an imitation. Hoot, men! You will next be telling us that the Scotch bagpipe is full of hot air.

They haven't got through wondering out in the Cream City yet why the battleship Milwaukee was "christened" with champagne.

Tobacco is smuggled across the Canadian border in bales of hay. Some antidote will have to be discovered for that tobacco habit.

An Indiana man has invented a folding chair that will go into the hip pocket. Wonder what he thinks a hip pocket is made for, anyhow?

The news that alcohol is made from honey may lead some gentlemen of leisure to revise their adverse opinion of the little busy bee.

At the last battle of Bull Run 10,000 militiamen got blistered feet. As Gen. Sherman might have said, but didn't, sham war is a blistering shame.

An African potentate, the alake of Abeokuta, is on his way to this country. Our native smart alakes will, of course, receive him with due honor.

Japan is all ready to dictate terms of peace to Russia, but, like the typewriter with the toothache, Russia isn't taking dictation just at present.

Chicago reports a growing tendency toward vegetarianism. That is not surprising. Corn and rye products have always had a wide vogue in Chicago.

So "New York crowds stare at William Waldorf Astor." No wonder. They want to see the eccentric person for whom "little old N'York" is not good enough.

The scientists say there'll be no Niagara falls 3,500 years hence. We're very glad now we didn't miss our chance to see the falls on our last vacation.

Gen. Corbin is opposed to army officers marrying without the consent of the war department. This may be all right, but what does Gen. Ma say on the subject?

Before accepting Prof. Metchnikoff's theory that sour milk is the elixir of life, will some one kindly ascertain whether the professor is interested in any dairy enterprise.

Mr. Chesty Gullett is running for office in one of the southern states. If he doesn't get it in the neck it will be safe to assume that there is absolutely nothing in a name.

The war department has rightly decided that the bow-legged man is as much out of place in military service as he would be as a shortstop—though not exactly in those words.

It is said that tobacco hidden in hay is being smuggled into the United States from Canada. We have long suspected that most of the campaign cigars we have been smoking were largely composed of hay.

The eminent bacteriologists' germ-killing bees convince all gentlemen with copper-lined stomachs that they may drink any kind of water with perfect safety. But the trouble is they don't want to pay such a price for safety.

A Utah preacher having sued a widow for \$150 for preaching her husband's funeral sermon obtained judgment. Perhaps her disinclination to pay was due to a too strenuous assurance that the dead man had entered a happier state.



The rising inflection—"May we go to the picnic?"
In asking a question the rising inflection is to the voice what cheerfulness is to the face.

THE VOICE AND THE RISING INFLECTION. HOW TO ASK QUESTIONS.

It seems unfair, but we must make the best of it—that some people have, naturally without any study or effort, better voices than others can acquire by any amount of patient practice.

The kinds of voices can be represented by the kinds of type in a newspaper, as slim, thick, small, large, high, low, clear, dim, strong, weak, attractive, pleasant, respectful.

Anyone is able to improve the voice by watching it and listening to others and by exercising it systematically. An old professor of music and elocution said: "Go slow and low in order to get a clear and pleasant voice before trying to have it loud and strong."

If a hundred people were to say to a clerk, "Have you any good peaches?" there would be many kinds of accents and the clerk would be more attentive to some than to others on account of the way the words were inflected. Make your voice climb the stairs when asking questions:

Number, please? What is it, please?

Do not let your voice fall down stairs when asking questions. As a question requires or invites some one to make an effort or exertion it should be given in a way to create respect and compliance. (Copyright, 1904, by Earl M. Pratt.)

RICE PAPER IN FLORIDA.

Queer Tree Successfully Introduced There From China.

The rice paper tree, one of the most interesting of the entire flora of China, has recently been successfully experimented with in Florida, where it now flourishes with other subtropical and oriental species of trees and shrubs.

When first transplanted in American soil the experimenters expressed doubts of its hardiness, fearing that it would be unable to stand the winters. All these fears have vanished, however, and it is now the universal opinion that it is as well adapted to the climate of this country as to that of the Flowery Kingdom.

It is a small tree, growing to a height of less than fifteen feet, and with a trunk or stem from three to five inches in diameter.

The celebrated rice paper, the product of this queer tree, is formed of thin slices of the pith, which is taken from the body of the tree in beautiful cylinders several inches in length.

The Chinese workmen apply the blade of a sharp, straight knife to these cylinders, and, turning them around, either by rude machinery or by hand, dexterously pare the pith from the circumference to center. This operation makes a roll of paper, the scroll being of equal thickness throughout.

After a cylinder has been pared it is unrolled, and weights are placed upon it until the surface is rendered smooth throughout its entire length.—New York Herald.

Action and Relaxation.

The American girl is developing two sides of her nature—two moods—one of action and one of relaxation. And, of course, it goes without saying that she dresses to suit the mood.

When she plays golf and tennis, it is the short skirt and the comfortable shirt waist that she wears, and it is since she has become such an active young person that she has taken to wearing the short skirt, not only on the golf links and the tennis court, but shopping, traveling and for general utility wear, says the Chicago Herald.

So clever is the American girl of the day that one would never recognize her as the same girl as she appears at different hours of the day. She has learned the importance of resting just as she has realized the benefit derived from outdoor exercise. She regards being lazy as a virtue—that is, just for a certain length of time each day. Her relaxing hour is part of her beauty culture treatment, and it is then when she is resting body and mind that she is wearing the fascinating negligees that the shops show the whole year through.

Unlucky Thirteen.

A gentleman who had been dining at a restaurant, and who often ordered a dozen oysters, counted them one day, and found but eleven.

Still another day he counted them, with the same result. Then he said to the waiter:

"Why do you only give me eleven oysters when I order a dozen?"
"Oh, sir," answered the waiter, "I didn't think you'd want to be sittin' thirteen at table, sir."—Spare Moments.

IS YOUR FARM VACCINATED?

Means Devised by Science for Making Land More Fertile.

Have you had your farm vaccinated? If not, you should proceed to have it done at once. Science has done a great deal for the farmers. It has killed the bugs and worms that prey on his crops; it has treated his animals when sick and saved their lives; it has experimented with seeds and raised the quality and quantity of their yields; it has done a great many things to help him achieve success.

The latest service of special interest which we have heard is that of the process of inoculating sterile ground and making it bring forth the fruit in abundance and in an easy task. Inoculation to prevent smallpox, diphtheria, rabies, etc., we knew about; but it is quite as mysterious as the inoculation of the old worn-out soils to make them fertile.

Certain germs make for fertility of the soil. They are collected or generated by the department of agriculture, according to this voracious authority, and sent by mail in a small package about the size of a yeast cake. The cake is said to contain millions of dried germs.

It is thrown into a barrel of pure water and turns it a milk white. Seeds of grain and grasses are washed with this water and when planted are said to produce wonderful results even on what is regarded as exhausted soil. The land is really treated to an inoculation and cured of its disease of barrenness. Have your farm vaccinated and get rich from the big crops you will raise.—Minneapolis Journal.

Advantages of Sunshine.

The advantage of admitting sunlight into our dwellings can not be too highly estimated. Every house should be built if possible, in a way by which sunlight, may force itself through during some portion of the day. A sun bath is one of the most important factors in producing a healthy condition of the body. It is a misfortune that a sun bath costs nothing, for if it did it would be more highly prized. There is no doubt that people who are exposed to the sun and live out of doors are much stronger and more healthy than those who are compelled to labor in close rooms. Indeed, good health is quite as much dependent on sunlight as on pure air. How depressing are the dull, sunless days! No matter how much fatigued physically, a few minutes in the fresh air and bright sunshine is a better tonic than people realize.

What's in a Name?

On one occasion North Ovington Messenger, a Washington political writer, was doing reportorial work and was assigned to interview Murat Halstead, somewhat of a political writer himself. Mr. Messenger sent his card up to Mr. Halstead, bearing the words "No. O. Messenger" and no other designation as to his business. The old newspaper man sent word for the young one to come up. He was met at the door of Mr. Halstead's room with cordiality. Mr. Halstead had his caller's card in his hand.

"Um—er," he hesitated, "glad to see you. Come in—but what is the New Orleans Messenger? I never heard of that paper before."

SQUAWS PROUD OF HUSBANDS.

Give Dance to Boast of Villainies Committed by Braves.

John Eradbury, who traveled in the region lying west of the Mississippi river early in the last century, has an interesting description of a squaw dance which he witnessed. He says: "The dance was performed in a circle, the dancers moving around with tomahawks in their hands. At intervals they turned their faces, all at once, toward the middle of the circle and brandished their weapons. After some time one of them would step into the ring and make an harangue, frequently brandishing her weapon. I found that the nature of all the speeches was the same, which was to boast of the actions of their husbands. One woman said that her husband had traveled southeast to a country inhabited by white people, which journey took him twenty days to perform. He went to steal horses and when he came to the white people's houses he found one where the men had gone out. Here he killed two women and stole from them a number of horses."

BLOOM IS SIGN OF DEATH.

Oriental Plants That Flower and Then Pass Away.

In some parts of China the natives are in dread of the bloom of the bamboo, at which season all kinds of dreadful disasters are predicted and confidently looked for. Like some other superstitions, this one has a slight foundation. The fact is that the bamboo only flowers once and then dies, and as a rule the whole lot of plants, often covering large areas, bloom together.

The reason of this is that the individuals of a species are commonly gregarious, and all are of the same age, having taken simultaneous possession of a ground rendered vacant perhaps by a similar depopulation.

A somewhat analogous case is presented by some of the Strobilanthes of tropical Asia. These plants live about seven years, then all burst out into a glorious mass of blue flowers and then die away, leaving, it may be, hundreds of acres of ground destitute of the luxuriant vegetation it previously supported.

Examples of Red Tapisim.

There is a story of a man in the British foreign office who one day seized a heavy poker and with maniacal frenzy attacked his chair until he had knocked off one of its legs. Then he went on with his work in another chair, happy. The explanation of his conduct was that his first chair lacked a caster and the foreign office will not replace a caster—nothing less than a leg. The other day a man took his seat in a dining car of a well-known railway. He tried to open a window, but the patent spring had gone wrong. The waiter was called. "Sorry, sir, I have not been able to open that window for weeks," he said. "But if you could happen to shove your elbow through it when you are having your lunch I could get the whole thing put to right." The traveler took the hint.

Medicine of Long Ago.

Andrew Wilson, the well-known naturalist and writer, in commenting on Culpepper's "Complet Method," published in 1652, shows how this enabled a man to "cure himself, being sick, for threepence charge, with such things only as grow in England, they being most fit for English bodies." "John Wesley practiced physic," Wilson continues. "His system was not strictly limited to vegetable simples. Wesley prescribed boiled carrots as an exclusive diet for a fortnight for the cure of asthma, and recommended bald-headed people to wash their vacant spots with a decoction of box wood. For bleeding from the lungs or stomach the juice of nettles is ordered and for an ague six pills of middling size of cobwebs."

Upon Her Lips.

Upon her lips a kiss there lies;
One kiss at least, perchance a hundred!
The question is, how secure the prize?
Should it be begged, or deftly plundered?
"Would mean so much to me, so much
While to its owner fair, I wish, it
Is neither needful staff nor crutch,
If blessed she might not even miss it
There lies a kiss upon her lips.
What else about her mouth should tempt me?
Since bees from blossoms take nectared sips,
Should hope indulged by man prove empty?
Beneath this one a score may wait
Release—he praying now I'll kiss it.
From off the top, I'll chance it. Fate!
I wonder will she ever miss it?
—Roy Farrell Greene.

Table Superstitions.

To miss the mouth when eating and drop one's victuals is a sign of approaching sickness. Every time one turns a loaf upside down a ship is wrecked. On this the Dutch say: "if a loaf lies topsyturvy it is not good." Scott, in "The Tales of a Grandfather," says: "Never turn a loaf in the presence of a Menteth." Hazlitt, in his "English Proverbs," quotes: "Are there traitors at the table that the loaf is turned the wrong side upward?"

Bulgarian Embroidery.

The popular "Bulgarian embroidery originated in Constantinople. During the "Bulgarian atrocities" and the Russo-Turkish war many thousands of Bulgarian women were torn from their homes and made prisoners in the harems of Constantinople. They were clever embroiderers, but they knew nothing of drawnwork until the Turkish women taught them. Then they combined the two arts, making a drawnwork foundation for their embroidery and thus obtaining much better effects.



Short Circular Capes in Style.

Short circular capes are all the fashion right now. Those most in vogue for late August days and early autumn weather are of coarse lace; any lace like Cluny, Bruges or point Venise is in favor. The capes vary in length. Sometimes they fall just to the shoulders, other reach to the bust line, and still others touch the waist.

In ecru or dyed to match the color of the gown they will be the most fashionable during the early fall. The smart girl is sure to contrive many novel ways of adding to the charm of her cape. She may fasten it down the front with big, artistic-looking buttons, or it may have the effect of being tied together with many smart-looking little black satin bows. If she wishes to more decidedly change its effect she will slip satin messaline or velvet ribbons through the meshes of the lace at either side of the front. At the neck the ribbons are tied in rosettes, and then again a bit further down.—September Woman's Home Companion.

Midget Furniture.

For the nursery there is midget furniture, of a kind that delights the hearts of the children, not doll furniture, but furniture of just the right sort for the use of children; comfortable easy chairs about one-third the size of those in mother's room, covered with pretty cretonne; a small sofa and a little box couch, covered to match, says the Ohio State Journal. The little toilet table is draped with the cretonne, and there are hangings of it at the door. A small white writing desk and table, with a white chair of corresponding size, have a place in one corner of the room and on the desk are slate and pencil and an alphabet game. The cretonne box couch makes an excellent receptacle for toys when they are not in use.

Excellent Pear Dessert.

Cook one-half cup of rice twenty minutes in plenty of boiling salted water. Drain and put in the double boiler, with a half cup of rich milk. Cook until the rice is soft and the milk absorbed. Sweeten lightly and season with a few drops of vanilla, two teaspoonfuls of preserved ginger juice and a few drops of lemon juice. Turn into a mold to cool. Drain a quart of stewed pears free from juice, fill their centers with preserved ginger chopped fine and moistened with a teaspoonful of orange juice. Turn the rice into a low glass dish, arrange the pears about it, and garnish with ginger and whipped cream.

For Afternoon Wear.

Full waists made with deep pointed yokes are exceedingly becoming to girlish figures and are much liked for the waists of afternoon wear. This one is made of rose-colored wool batiste, the yoke being of finely tucked silk, with a design of bias banding forming loops in which medallions of lace are set, and round the lower edge of the yoke is a frill which matches the waist and which is stitched and trimmed with an embroidered band. To make the waist



Designed by May Manton.

for a girl of 14 years of age will be required 5 yards of material 21, 4 yards 27 or 2 1/2 yards 44 inches wide, with 1 yard of yoking material.

Grape Catsup.

To make grape catsup get seven pounds of grapes. Pick them off the stems, wash them, put them in a stone jar and set the jar over the fire in a deep pot of boiling water. Let the grapes cook in this manner for an hour in order to loosen the seeds. Remove from the fire and strain through a sieve, being careful that all the pulp goes through. Then add a pint of good cider vinegar, three and a half pounds of sugar and a teaspoonful each of cinnamon and cloves. Return to the fire and cook until thick.

Fish Pudding.

Ingredients—One-half pound cooked fish, 3/4 pound cooked potato, 1 ounce butter, 1 egg, 1 tablespoonful milk, 1 teaspoonful chopped parsley, pepper and salt.

Method—Remove the fat and skin from the fish, and break the fish into small flakes; rub the potato through a wire sieve; mix it with the fish,

add pepper and salt; melt the butter in a saucepan, add the fish mixture to it, mix well together; add the egg (well beaten), the milk and parsley; pour the mixture into a buttered mould or pie dish, cover with crumbs, bake in a moderate oven for about thirty minutes, turn out on to a dish-paper, garnish with parsley and lemon, and serve.

Misses' Tourist Coat.

The tourist coat has taken a firm hold on popular fancy and will be much worn during the coming season by young girls as well as by grown women. This one is peculiarly desirable and suits the general wrap and the costume equally well, but, in the case of the model, is made of dark blue cheviot trimmed with braid and stitched with corticelli silk and



is designed for wear over any gown. The coat is made with loose fronts and back, the latter being confined at the waist line by means of a belt cut in two portions that are lapped one over the other and held by buttons. The sleeves are wide and ample, finished with roll-over flare cuffs. The quantity of material required for the medium size is 4 3/4 yards 27 inches wide, 2 3/4 yards 44 inches wide or 2 3/4 yards 52 inches wide.

Jellied Salmon.

Those who are most interested in the more substantial courses at the table will be glad to try the jellied salmon, which makes a most appetizing as well as a tasteful luncheon dish, or one to be served at a Sunday evening supper. It is easily made. Soak one tablespoonful of gelatine as usual, and mix it with a can of salmon and three-quarters of a cup of salad dressing. Set it away to harden. This is but one of many similar dishes which any skilful cook may devise.

Fancy Covert Coats.

Lest the covert coat approach monotony a variety of finishings is introduced into its making. Full sleeves have been introduced, and now some of the short jackets have full backs held in at the waist with a short strap. Others have wide stitched bands curved around over the shoulders half way to the back, forming a cape effect. Slot seams, braiding, appliques and ruffings are all introduced, lending the erstwhile simple covert jacket a most festive aspect.

New Form of Entertainment.

At a luncheon a short time ago a new form of entertainment was provided by the guests themselves. The hostess asked each one to come in some way representing her fad; then the guests were supplied with pencils and cards and the one who guessed the greatest number of hobbies suggested received a prize. One girl, who wished to show that she was fond of music, had fastened to her dress a picture of a crying kitten with a bandaged head—mieu-sick.

Pineapple and Orange.

Cut the top from a pineapple and carefully remove the inside, so that the shell may not be broken. Cut the pulp into bits, mix it with the pulp of three ripe oranges, also cut very small, and liberally sweeten the mixture. Smooth off the bottom of the pineapple shell so that it will stand upright, refill with the fruit pulp, and set in the ice for three hours.

Mixed Catchup.

Take equal quantities of green tomatoes, white onions and cabbage; grind in a sausage mill. Sprinkle with salt, turn into a bag and hang up to drain all night. Put in a jar with one ounce each of white mustard seed, powdered mace, ground cloves and allspice; chop two pods of red pepper and add. Cover with strong, cold vinegar.

Whole Canned Tomatoes.

Immerse the tomatoes in boiling water and slip off the skins. Into a large kettle of boiling water put just enough tomatoes to fill a jar. Cover and steam for eight minutes, then pack into a hot jar, fill to overflowing with the boiling water and seal.